

Committee on Community Quality of Life

Minutes – amended 1.10.11

Thursday December 2, 2010

Members Present: TMoran (Chair), D. Morse, DKeane, JRiesen, JFried, JSaddlemire

Members Absent: JFriedman (alternate), CKeuffner (alternate)

Staff Present: MNinteanu, GPadick

Call to order /Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

2. Appointment of Recording Secretary

John Saddlemire was appointed recording secretary

3. Approval of November 4, 2010 minutes

Motion to approve was made. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Opportunity for Public to Address the Committee

Mike Sikoski expressed concern regarding the Gathering ordinance under consideration, feeling that the gathering size that would trigger action be increased from 100 to 300 or more. He asked that the cost effectiveness of the ordinance be considered and that gatherings confronted result in arrests, not warnings.

5. Chairpersons Report

Chair Moran encouraged members of the Committee to attend a presentation on Crowd Control, scheduled for December 9th from 4 – 5:30 PM. Moran also expressed a desire to clarify the charge of the committee and the need to prioritize the work of the committee. A discussion ensued regarding the charge and the priorities. David Morse made a motion, seconded by Denise Keane, the substance of which was that the Storrs Downtown be included in the committee charge, that Storrs Center Housing and the potential EDR issues be given first priority in our agenda at the next meeting. There was no record of a vote being taken.

6. Communications

UConn Student Affair Community Standards Report

An update regarding actions via the Community Standards Office was offered in writing. A general discussion followed.

7. Old Business

a) Staff Update on Large Assembly Ordinance

Ninteau distributed a draft ordinance but cautioned that it needed further review by Town Staff before serious consideration would be appropriate. He will return to the committee in two months to share the results of their efforts to clarify the ordinance.

b) Action Status and Town Council Charge to Committee

The Charge of the Committee was distributed and considered. The discussion which began during the Chair report continued. Keane and Morse expressed a desire to have the Downtown Development considered as part of the scope of responsibility for the committee. Others expressed added concern of the potential of the downtown housing becoming student housing, similar to the historic evolution of Celeron Square. Moran asked that the focus of the committee be on curtailing inappropriate behavior wherever it may occur and less focus on specific locations. Padock offered to brief the Committee on the Development Project.

The discussion of the Committee priorities led to a general agreement to focus on best practices of effective landlords, i.e. model security plan and an opportunity to speak about the potential negative impact of the Downtown Development project as the two next areas of focus of the committee.

General discussion led to an agreement to focus on inviting landlords from rental properties with positive behavior reputations to come to a meeting and share ideas on how/why they are effective in curtailing bad behavior.

8. New Business

a) Review/Approval 2011 Regular Meeting Schedule

The schedule was distributed to the members and accepted.

b) University Communication regarding Response to Campus Community

Saddlemire distributed a draft letter to community which outlines the various initiative/services available to the general public relative to inappropriate off campus student behavior. Committee members will provide Saddlemire with suggestions edits for consideration. A final letter will be brought the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned around 9:30 PM.